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	MIN	MAX	
	°C	°F	°C
AMSTERDAM	-4	21	38
BIRMINGHAM	-2	11	52
BUEENOS AIRES	-2	11	52
CHICAGO	-17	-12	19
COFFENHAGEN	-4	26	37
FRANKFURT	-4	21	38
GENEVA	9	22	36
Helsinki	9	22	36
HONG KONG	21	28	72
Johannesburg	15	28	72
London	1	14	52
LONDON	-1	10	50
MADRID	-3	12	54
MONTREAL	-29	-22	3
NEW YORK	-16	3	38
OSLO	-7	19	37
PARIS	-2	18	34
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	28	52
SAO PAULO	19	14	52
STOCKHOLM	-10	14	52
TOKYO	4	20	52
TORONTO	-22	18	4
WANDERER	1	14	52
VIENNA	1	14	52
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**SOCIAL & PERSONAL**

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today at the cemetery of Kibbutz Huda on the third anniversary of the death of former defence minister Pinhas Lavon. It will be followed by a discussion on "The Modern Labour Movement" at the kibbutz.

Mrs. Ala Reiseloff of Tel Aviv has been made an Honorary Fellow of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in recognition of the significant contribution she and her late husband, industrialist Karol Reiseloff, have made to the University.

Twenty Canadians attending the World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans were the luncheon guests of Professor Emanuel Rackman, president of Bar Ilan University, when they visited the Ramat Gan campus yesterday. The delegation was led by Alec Caspi and Sid Frumkin.

Professor Aaron Kirshenbaum of the Tel Aviv University faculty of law will give a lecture on "Kiddush Hashem, Then and Now," in English, sponsored by Young Israel of Petah Tikva on Tuesday, February 20, 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue on Rehov Kadish Luz, Petah Tikva. There is a IL10 entrance fee.

Ben Gurion University President, Yosef Tekeho, has departed for Brazil on university business. His tour will also take him to the United States and Canada.

**UNIFIL**

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whose rank was not revealed, entered Israel on a routine trip in an official UNIFIL jeep, at the Eshel Hahava border post yesterday morning. He drove towards Acre and near the town met the suspected terrorist, who appeared to be waiting for the jeep, and passed the spare wheel of the jeep to him.

Both men were arrested for investigation.

The Jerusalem Post learned that it has been established that this was not the first case of explosives-smuggling. The security services suspect that other UNIFIL members may be involved in arms-smuggling for the terrorists.

The Senegalese suspect, like other UNIFIL members, travelled frequently to Israel in his official vehicle.

It was learned that he was recruited by the Fatah terror organization some time ago, after agreeing to smuggle explosives into Israel for money.

He was brought before a magistrate at noon, and remanded in custody.

A spokesman for UNIFIL said last night that neither UNIFIL headquarters in Nakura in Southern Lebanon nor UN headquarters in Jerusalem had yet been informed about the incident. "As far as we are concerned, until we are informed by the Israeli police, the incident does not exist," he added.

In answer to a question as to whether the UN was providing the suspect with legal aid at this stage, the spokesman said that the normal procedure in cases where the Israeli Police arrested a UN soldier, "for doing something wrong" was to turn him over to the UN military police, in this case stationed in Nakura.

This is the first case on record where UN personnel serving in the area have been arrested for alleged connections with terrorist organizations. However, Israeli security sources said that UN personnel may cooperate with the terrorists in various ways.

Several months ago, Israel published pictures of arms and sabotage material originating in Syria and Iraq that had been smuggled through UNIFIL lines in Southern Lebanon in medical supplies sent by the Red Cross. The packages were intended for terrorists who had infiltrated into the area and were intercepted by units of the Christian militia.

# Strikes, sanctions cut TV news, water search

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Strike storm clouds gathered over Israel yesterday as a variety of the country's unions carried out or planned strikes and sanctions against many sectors of the economy — from TV to water.

Last night's Mabot news bulletin was shortened by TV journalist sanctions, and the whole of Mabot Sheini (Sunday Look) was blacked out. Transmission resumed at 10 o'clock.

About 700 engineers employed by the Tahal and Mekorot water companies will strike for 24 hours today as part of the Engineers Union tactic of selective strikes and work sanctions. Yesterday, 2,000 engineers in the civil service struck.

The cumulative effect of these strikes and sanctions, according to the union, has been to halt or slow down digging for water and oil, development of agricultural machinery, export of agricultural produce and payments to building contractors.

Planes are taking off without weather information, and trains travel without engineers' safety certification.

On Wednesday, the Engineers Union central committee will meet to discuss further strike plans, as well as withdrawal of the union from the Histadrut.

Meanwhile, the nurses union central committee met yesterday and decided on a one-day warning strike next Sunday. Nurses' meetings during working hours are also being planned, and will disrupt hospital service.

Moritz Galili, secretary of the union, warns that more drastic steps may be necessary if the nurses' demands are not met. They are demanding, among other things, a basic salary scale like that of teachers or social workers for all

nurses, additional payments for special categories of nurses (primarily retirement after 25 years).

Agricultural instructors and veterinarians joined the ranks of the strikers today and say they will remain on strike until their demand for a tax-free car allowance is met. Their cars, they say, are an essential tool in their work and they should not have to pay taxes on the money they receive from their employer toward car expenses.

University lecturers are continuing their sanctions, which means exams are being postponed and classes at Hebrew University are held only until 4 p.m. The lecturers say they will return to the classroom if they get a 90 per cent advance, which will permit them to continue negotiating until April.

Tel Aviv's railways are postponed all examinations originally scheduled for today, tomorrow and Wednesday.

Sheila Meitser adds from Eilat: Workers of the Eilat-Ashkelon pipeline company in Eilat are refusing to unload the lone oil tanker that came into the oil port on Saturday, until management meets their demand to fire immediately the 10 security guards who are not company workers. With many workers forced to take their accrued holidays and staff cutbacks imminent due to the Iranian oil cutoff, the workers are demanding the security jobs — which are at present handled by a sub-contractor. "We are worried about our future," Shlomo Elkayam, chairman of the workers committee told The Jerusalem Post. "We want the government to know that we want to keep our jobs in Eilat." He said that the workers have been promised the backing of Eilat's mayor Gad Katz and of local labour council leader Jackie Anial.

# Histadrut to demand C-o-L system change

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut will demand negotiations to change the cost of living increment system after the April C-o-L payment, if the index continues to rise at the current rate. This was decided yesterday by the Histadrut central committee after the 4.9 per cent index rise in January, announced by the Central Bureau of Statistics last Thursday.

Yisrael Kessar, acting secretary-general of the Histadrut and head of its trade union department, said he thinks Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich is holding off subsidy cuts, and rises of government-controlled prices, until March so that they will not be included in the April cost of living payment. If so, he said, the Histadrut will not stand for it.

As for the changes the Histadrut will demand after April, Kessar said only that at the current inflation rate the cost of living increment should be paid more frequently than semi-annually. Updating of tax tables each time a C-o-L payment is made, so that workers will not find themselves in a higher tax bracket, is also important, he said.

# Dina Gil'ad returns to her reserve unit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Dina Gil'ad was received "like a queen" by her reserve unit yesterday after her release from prison for refusing service in protest of army exemptions for religious women.

An organizer of Friday's protest against the arrest, Yehel Diamond, told The Jerusalem Post that Gil'ad had called her after returning to service, satisfied that her act of protest had raised the attention she wanted. Gil'ad will not be brought to trial.

Diamond and other organizers of the Group for Compulsory National Service said they intend to call on every MK and the public to join their fight to change the law which enables self-declared religious women to get exemptions from military duty.

Ben-Moshe, 60, finally agreed to take the position. He is a former secretary of the party's central committee, a powerful Histadrut figure and a member of the Histadrut Central Committee.

Granot, 55, hails from kibbutz Sheval and is the present secretary of Mapam's central committee.

The nominations must now be approved by the party's central committee, but no date has yet been fixed for its convening.

# France sends 1st air-charter tour

By BARUCH SAVILLE  
Post Travel Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The very first charter flights to arrive from France touched down last night at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Two Super Caravelles, operated by Aerotours of Paris, landed with nearly 200 passengers. Menahem Begin, the Attorney General, agent at Ben-Gurion, and Ofer Eilat, of Daphna Tours, who greeted the arrivals, told The Post that Aerotours would operate three weekly flights to Israel throughout the year.

# MOSCOW

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sion reconfirmed the independence of Rumania, which was the only Warsaw bloc country not to join Moscow in condemning the Chinese invasion.

U.S. defence analysts said the attack appeared to be a "limited punitive thrust," rather than an attempt to march on Hanoi. But they admitted that intelligence reports were still sketchy.

The attack also threatened to disrupt a planned trip by U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Michael Blumenthal to China at the end of this week. It may also have threatened the impending U.S.-China exchange of ambassadors that was due to start March 1.

In Taiwan, government officials said the Chinese invasion was proof that U.S. policy had failed. But in Moscow the official Tass news agency claimed that the Chinese invasion was to be expected after the establishment of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and China.

Former president Gerald Ford said on Saturday that he was worried about the "potentialities and ramifications" of the Chinese invasion, but said the U.S. should remain in the background of the dispute.

At the UN, Secretary General Kurt Waldheim was fighting "another tragic incident" where violence begets violence, and warned of "unforeseeable consequences" unless hostilities ended.

Neither China nor Vietnam have yet asked for immediate meeting of the UN Security Council. As a permanent member of the council, China has a veto power that would make unlikely a Vietnamese request for a meeting. (UPI, AP, Reuter)

# CAMP DAVID TALKS

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prime minister and consulting with the entire cabinet if necessary.

Interior Minister and NRP leader Yisrael Rabin proposed that Israel decline to appear at Camp David in view of its ignorance of the agenda or even the drift of expected American compromise proposals.

There was little backing for Rabin's view, and observers felt he would not have put it forward if he had felt there was any real chance of its being adopted. His remark was seen as a gesture to the hawkish wing of his own party.

Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil will not be carrying any new Egyptian concessions when he leaves for Washington today at the head of his country's delegation to this week's peace treaty negotiations with Israel at Camp David, Cairo Radio said yesterday.

The radio quoted an Egyptian Foreign Ministry official as saying that the talks "will centre on Egypt's known principles that there will be no bargaining over an inch of Arab land and sovereignty, and will seek a comprehensive settlement including a just solution for the Palestinian problem."

Other sources said that they expected the talks to last between four

# Lapid to head Radio and TV

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Yosef ("Tommy") Lapid of "Ma'ariv" was nominated director-general of the Israel Broadcasting Authority without opposition yesterday, after Labour Party representatives on the Authority's plenum failed to muster nine votes to propose Yitzhak Livni for a second term.

"Although the government still has to approve the nomination, I'm very gratified," Lapid said after hearing the news. "I'll do my best to fulfil the expectations of those who believe that we need TV and radio that are independent (of outside pressures) — but not independent of the State of Israel."

The 45-year-old, Yugoslav-born journalist has taken a five-year leave of absence from the Hebrew daily "Ma'ariv," of which he has been managing editor since 1974.

Having what he calls a "nationalist viewpoint" on political questions and "liberal views" on social affairs, Lapid was backed for the Authority post by Prime Minister Menahem Begin, Finance Minister Simcha



Yosef Lapid  
Ehrlich and Education and Culture Minister Ze'evulun Hammer.

When Authority chairman Reuven Yaron asked if there were any other nominations backed by nine plenum members, Labour Party men hesitated. Finally, Daniel Bloch said that he had a name in mind (Livni).

but didn't know whether he had enough votes to back him. He granted him 10 minutes to call the plenum members. But with only the 21 members present (and the Labour Party representative reportedly sick in bed), Livni had no chance.

Bloch noted that the 1968 Broadcasting Law regarding the nomination of a director-general was amended in that the initiative in choosing a candidate should come from a public plenum rather than from the Minister of Education and Culture. Yaron later conceded that he favoured a change giving the director-general a six-year term that could not be renewed. A committee of justices he suggested, might be established to draft an amendment.

The Likud representatives wanted to have come to praise Livni rather than to bury him, and thanked director-general for his intellectual and cultural gifts. Some argued that although Livni was not a successful administrator, the reason that he should be re-elected was that democracy demands regular elections of fresh blood.

# Druse loses plea for Arab status

HAIFA (Itim). — The District Court yesterday turned down the application of a Druse student to change the nationality registration on his identity card from "Druse" to "Arab."

The court president, Judge Yehoshua Gubernik, found that the student, Kamal Kayuf, 22, of Ustyia, had not made the application in good faith. Gubernik said Kayuf made his decision to change his registration only when the time came for him to be inducted into the IDF.

Kayuf asked the court in December last year to issue a declaratory judgment which would oblige the Interior Ministry to register him as having Arab nationality. Haifa District Attorney Yehuda Reshev opposed the application.

Kayuf, a second-year student at Haifa University, was detained on the campus about a week ago for not responding to his call-up order in 1976.

Judge Gubernik stressed that the judgment was not meant to touch on the question of "who is a Druse," and especially not to pronounce on whether the Druse were a part of the Arab nation. It was restricted to the specific instance before the court.

# Druse radicals say draft-resisters jailed

HAIFA. — Dozens of young Druses who have refused to serve in the army are now in Ashdod military prison here, according to the radical Druse Initiative Committee.

A leaflet circulated yesterday by the group claimed that some of the prisoners belong to the largest Druse villages in Galilee and in the Golan Heights. "Most had a few months in prison, the leaflet said, sentences of between 30 days to six months in prison, the leaflet said. The committee says that the young men refused to serve in the IDF, which they described as a "my of conquest." It has asked authorities to abolish compulsory military service for Druse, and was instituted, at the request of Druse community, in 1967.

# Military gov't cracks down on politicians

The military government has warned Arab public figures in the West Bank in recent weeks not to take part in meetings of a political character either within the Green Line or in the administered territories.

Many political activists have been called into the offices of military governors to receive the warning. The ban applies to student meetings and to all political activity.

Israeli organizations have in the past applied to the military government for permission to invite Arab personalities to meetings inside Israel, and until recently there have been no limitations.

One public figure who has received such a warning said yesterday that he had been summoned by the military government several times recently to be told that although he was to be invited to attend a certain meeting he would not be permitted to take part in it.

# Curfew declared in Kalandia camp

RAMALLAH (Itim). — A curfew was declared on Saturday night in the Kalandia refugee camp near Jerusalem-Ramallah road. A curfew was lifted at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The action followed the shooting of a Molotov cocktail at a bus which was passing the camp on its way to the Ofa and the settlements in the area. Last month ago, another bus on the same line was the target of a grenade thrown in El-Bira. There were injuries or damage in either case.

Security forces conducted a house-to-house search during the night and met with camp mukhtar, elders were warned to keep their heads down and warned to keep their mouths shut. A curfew was lifted at 9 a.m. yesterday.

# Woman held in Jaffa grenade attack

By YORAM BAR  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

JAFFA. — A 21-year-old Jaffa prostitute was arrested yesterday on suspicion of conspiring to murder drug dealer Yosef Lev, known as "Abu-Tom." The woman was picked up two hours after a grenade was thrown at Lev's flat at 6 a.m. yesterday.

Lev, his wife and three neighbours were slightly injured in the explosion.

Police said the prostitute, known for her close working relationship with Lev, arrived at the scene of the explosion in a taxi at 8:30 yesterday morning. Policemen who were questioning Lev's neighbours immediately identified the young woman and arrested her.

Police believe that the attack was intended to settle underworld accounts in a drug-related matter.

About half a year ago, Lev was suspected of involvement in the bombing of another Tel Aviv drug dealer's car. The victim was badly injured and spent a month and a half in the hospital. He was released — crippled — a few months ago.

There has been a sharp increase lately in the number of underworld killings in Tel Aviv. A police source told The Jerusalem Post that the violence signals an attempt by a gang of drug dealers to take over territory. "We have arrested some drug dealers lately and charged them with complicity in murders, but apart from one current murder trial against Menny Cohen, MK Charlie Biton's parliamentary secretary, we have not had much success," the source said.

# Liver transplant from fetus to baby

TEL AVIV. — A liver transplant was performed yesterday at Rehovot's Hospital, Kupat Holim headquarter, announced yesterday. It involved giving a 10-day-old baby a liver containing antibodies necessary to fight a disease that had killed her parents' two children shortly after birth.

The operation was the first of its kind in Israel, and only the second in the world. The Israeli recipient, the youngest so far.

No special problems were encountered in performing the transplant.

# Mainz hockey girls due here

By JACK LEON  
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel will host its first foreign women's hockey team next month, when the Frankfurter Club of Mainz arrives for a five-match tour organized by the Israel Hockey Association (IHA). Men's hockey teams from abroad were last here at the end of the month in 1966.

During their 10 days in the country, the West German visitors will play two games against Israel's national side, IHA heads Adele Nowikow and Gilda Kreiner told The Jerusalem Post on Friday. Their other fixtures are against the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv Maccabi and the Sharon hockey clubs.

In preparation for the matches against the highly-rated German team, the IHA is this week forming a national squad of 22 players. The selected will then play weekly trial matches and hold training clinics, alternating between Maor Aviv, near here, and the Hebrew University.

In charge of the training programme — to be supplemented by intensive practice at club level — is Gilda Kreiner, who was a first-grade hockey coach and played on her provincial side in South Africa before coming to Israel a year ago.

The IHA was set up last March after a big response to a letter in The Post announcing plans to start hockey in Israel should there be sufficient interest. The association has so far registered 300 players, about equally divided between the sexes.

While the majority are settlers from English-speaking countries and Western Europe — some of them

# March of Prutot kids

Ilan — the Israel Association Handicapped Children — is sponsoring a March of Prutot campaign to raise some 25,000 volunteers and pupils will be trying to raise about 40 per cent of the operational budget.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved father and grandfather

**Dr. LUDWIG JEHUDA OPPENHEIMER**

The funeral will take place today, Monday, February 19, 1979, at 8:30 p.m., at Kibbutz Yad Mordechai. Transport will leave for the house of the deceased, 44 Eisenberg Street, Rehovot, at 7 p.m.

Michael Oppenheimer and the Kibbutz Zikim  
Rahel Sternberg and family  
Kibbutz Yad Mordechai

The Joint Israel Appeal, The Zionist Federation of Great Britain and Ireland and their Israel offices are profoundly grieved at the passing of

**Sir ISRAEL BRODIE K.B.E.**

Emeritus Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth and Vice-President of the J.I.A. and extend heartfelt condolences to Lady Brodie and to the members of the family.

Emunah — National Religious Women's Organization in Israel mourns the passing of

**Sir ISRAEL BRODIE**

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**Lady Brodie**

# New housing for West Bank refugees

RAMALLAH (Itim). — The military government plans to build new housing for West Bank refugees in the coming fiscal year, along the same lines of those built in the Gaza Strip. A plan for the project was drawn up several years ago, but remained inoperative because of financial and political considerations.

BULLETIN. — Two inmates of Ma'aslyahu prison, Shimon Nitou and Nissim Maman, escaped last night. Nitou was sentenced to five years for housebreaking and robbery in 1977 and Maman was serving a 15-month term from October 1978 for assault.

DIRTY BREAD. — Jerusalem health officials raided grocery store entrances early Friday morning and confiscated 200 loaves of bread found lying unwrapped and unattended. Bayit Vagan, Rehavia, Shaara Hessed, Beit Yisrael and Kiryat Yovel were hit. A similar raid three weeks before netted 350 loaves.

# EXPELLED

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and plundered you of your possessions and Zionism.

"Today, Yasser and Ruhollah, Palestinian and Iranian, have risen against a common enemy in a united front. In this field even the Iranian Jews are with us, so that we might establish a new order. Our Jewish compatriots have repeatedly sent their greetings to Khomeini in various marches. They have heard their Moslem brothers shout, quoting Khomeini, 'Jews are our brothers.'"

In Jerusalem, the spokesman for the Ministry of Communications announced that "for all practical purposes" postal service between Israel and Iran no longer exists, and there was no use in posting letters or parcels to Iran.

He added that the last dispatch of mail for Iran left February 8, and all postal matter received since then has been placed in postal warehouses "until air or surface routes are re-established."

In Tel Aviv, it seemed certain that El Al's route to Teheran has been closed down, after 22 and a half years. This was the inevitable conclusion following the expulsion order against all 22 Israelis remaining in Iran, including six El Al personnel.

HOME NEWS

מקומות החדש

Jerusalem trust files claim 46 sites in Haifa

by a public religious non-profit trust and therefore tax-exempt. At one stage, government officials in Jerusalem had offered to pay the trust's lawyers fees in return for the cancellation of the claims, he stated. Asked why they had allowed negotiations to drag for so many years, the trustee and secretary of the trust explained: "We didn't want any tensions between Jews and Arabs to arise over it; and when ever a new minister or senior official took over his post, we started negotiating all over again. We didn't want to turn Elijah's Cave into a second Machpelah Cave. But when we learnt of its registration in the name of the Religious Affairs Ministry, we felt we had been misled all along. Now we see no alternative to going to court. The Cave of Elijah and adjoining lands cover an area of 32 dunams, the nearby Maritime Museum and the Naval Museum of Underground Immigration about 15 dunams. Subeul Shukri, the son of a mayor of Haifa, was appointed trustee of Moslem properties in June 1956 by the Moslem religious court of Acre. He explained that the trust had been named "Atikial" (Independence) in the Mandatory government period to signify that it was not controlled by the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Hajj Amin El Hussein. His grandfather had put up the buildings that still stand at the entrance to the Cave. The trust originally owned 59 properties up to 1948, but in the course of time had received compensation for 10 of them.



Leaders of the National Committee for Newlyweds without Housing at yesterday's Tel Aviv press conference, where they presented their plan for solving the housing problem. Seen here are the chairman, Zvi Saar, (left) and Yossi Ben-Shoshan of Bat Yam. (GPPA)

Couples issue warning on flats

By LYNDIA GOLDMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — Representatives of the National Committee of Newlyweds without Housing told reporters yesterday that they intend to hand the government an ultimatum demanding cheaper housing. If the demands are not met, the committee plans to take "the most radical and drastic action within the law." The group is expecting thousands of protesters to take part in a demonstration tomorrow at Kikar Malchei Yisrael here. The ultimatum demands that the government turn over land free of charge for the construction of low-cost housing and rental units for young couples who cannot afford today's market prices.

Rechtman goes to jail, says he'll write a book

By YORAM BAR Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — MK Shmuel Rechtman, who today begins serving his three and a half year sentence for taking bribes, will use his sojourn in prison to write a book about the bribe affair which led to his conviction, he told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. "I have a lot to write about the whole matter," Rechtman said. "I don't know how it all happened but I still hope the Supreme Court will acquit me. I am innocent." Rechtman told The Post he was feeling well and was not broken by the verdict: "My family is backing me. I've had some bad crises in my life. This is the worst one, but I'll survive it too. "Most encouraging are residents of Rehovot. They keep calling me to cheer me up. In recent weeks I have been invited to many family events in the town, like parties, weddings and bar-mitzvas, and every time I entered a hall, everyone rose and cheered me," the former Rehovot mayor said. Rechtman said the trial had been very expensive, costing him approximately I.L. 150,000. I received from my municipal pension fund, and the rest I took from my savings. My wife doesn't work and I hope they don't stop my salary as a Knesset member, or it will be very difficult for my wife and 18-year-old daughter to survive." Rechtman, 53, father of two daughters and grandfather of two, enters prison a week before his younger daughter, Sigal, enlists in the army. "I hope I am released long before Sigal ends her two years' service. In any case, I'll use the time in jail to write a book, I'll learn English and study the Bible. The Bible is a book I admire greatly," Rechtman said. Under the law as it stands at present, a Knesset member keeps his seat, and his salary and other benefits, even after he has been convicted and while he is in prison. Although Rechtman said at one time that he would insist while in prison on his right to attend Knesset sessions, he has not returned to this idea recently. He said recently that he would resign his seat if the Supreme Court rejects his appeal against the District Court sentence. This week, two private bills embodying amendments to the laws on MKs' immunity are likely to come up in the Knesset for their preliminary readings. The bills, introduced by Amnon Rubinstein (Shai) and Moshe Shahal (Alignment-Labour), would regard any MK who is convicted of an offense involving moral turpitude as having automatically resigned his seat.

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Sanctions threaten Eurovision showing

Jerusalem Post Reporter The Broadcasting Authority must decide by March 5 whether sanctions by TV technicians and journalists will prevent it from putting on the 1979 Eurovision Song Contest in Jerusalem — scheduled for March 31 — Authority chairman Reuven Yaron told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Yitzhak Shimon, head of the Eurovision organizing team, said that March 1 was a realistic deadline for deciding whether to hold or cancel the competition. The sanctions are rooted in a dispute that began several years ago, and are not a sudden occurrence, he said. Another source in the Authority said that management must decide by the end of this week if the contest can go on because the 19 other countries taking part must be informed in time. MK Akiva Nof (Democratic Movement) yesterday introduced a motion to the Agenda on the danger of Eurovision's postponement or cancellation. He argued that failure to hold the contest on the designated date would give Israel the reputation of an anarchic state.

quest ordered into death Beilinson heart patient

By LYNDIA GOLDMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — A local magistrate has ordered an investigation into the death of heart patient Bella Alter, aged 54, less than 24 hours after she was admitted. Alter's children, Paul and Yehonatan, submitted a request for an inquest as respondents Kupaat Holim Prof. Morris Levy, head of the chest-surgery department at the hospital, and the hospital's medical director. A lawyer told The Jerusalem Post that there is reason to believe that Bella's death was caused by negligence. The children describe how their mother awoke on the morning of August 23 last year feeling unwell. In February 1978 she had a heart pacemaker implanted in her chest. The children took her to Beilinson's emergency ward at 7:30 in the morning. The duty doctor found that Mrs. Alter's pacemaker was not functioning because of faulty batteries, and admitted her to the chest-surgery department. The children claim that from the time their mother was admitted until they left at 10 o'clock that evening, she was not given proper medical treatment. Uri Almagor, the lawyer representing the children, said they were forced that the mother would be operated on the following morning. They returned the next day and were told that their mother had died. Judge Natan Amit, who will run the inquest, scheduled the first hearing for March 4 and requested that all files and medical records be submitted by then. He also subpoenaed Prof. Levy and a representative of Kupaat Holim to appear at the hearing. Prof. Levy told The Post that, as yet, he has not received a copy of the complaint brought by the children, but was sure that there are no grounds for negligence.

Habima goes south (in Tel Aviv)

MICHAEL YUDELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The national theatre, which will hold its first performance in South Tel Aviv's Beit Baroun, Habima General, said Shmuel Omer told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Habima's performances in Tel Aviv were previously held in the Herta Omer said, "We have to bring the theatre to people wherever they come to it." The performance, entitled "Home," will mark the start of a joint municipality project to theatre for the residents of Tel Aviv where many of the poor are concentrated. Ticket prices for the show have been reduced by half with the Tel Aviv municipality covering the difference, Municipal Spokesman Amikam Shapira said yesterday. Habima will appear once a month in Beit Baroun at this stage. The Tel Aviv municipality intends to bring other theatre companies to its southern district, according to Deputy Mayor Yitzhak Artzi who is in charge of culture, youth and sports. Artzi also said that Habima actors and directors will meet youngsters from the area in the coming weeks to help them form a drama club. All tickets for the first performance have been sold out, the municipal spokesman said yesterday.

Landau denies Singapore trip planned

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Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The national television is negotiating with the distributor of "Roots: The Generations" — the sequel to the hit-making series based on Alex Haley's search for his African ancestors. Shimon, who is in charge of purchase of foreign series for television, told The Jerusalem Post that there is a good chance that it, even though the price they're demanding is three times what we usually pay for a film of that length. The seven-part sequel, which includes scenes with Marlon Brando and James Earl Jones, started on ABC in the U.S. last night. The story begins in 1832 and ends in 1967, when Haley went to Africa to look for traces of his ancestor Kunta Kinte. The 14-hour series is expected to score well on the ratings in the U.S.

z wants more phones for K. Shmona

By AARON SITTNER Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs would pay for all training and retraining of workers moving to Kiryat Shmona, to join the staffs of new enterprises there. The Ta'as plant in Kiryat Shmona would be expanded within 18 months to employ 300 more workers, and Koor Industries would be asked to explore the possibility of establishing a new factory in Kiryat Shmona providing 400 jobs. The Development Town Settlement Referral Agency would help Kiryat Shmona's social agencies expand their facilities, so that newcomers' children could be accommodated without difficulty.

Woman indicted in W. Bank bus blast

LOD (Iltim). — An indictment was filed yesterday in the military court here accusing Fatima Musa Dakak, 19, of Isawiya, of placing a bomb on an Engeddil-to-Jerusalem bus last November. The blast caused the death of four people. Dakak was originally considered a suspect in the case but voluntarily reported to police and gave an alibi, claiming a case of mistaken identity. But she was re-arrested in January when a bomb, apparently in preparation, blew up in her house, killing her husband (who was also suspected in the bus blast) and a friend. A date has not yet been set for the trial.

Suspect held in infant-rape case

HAIFA (Iltim). — Police are holding a local man on suspicion of involvement in the rape of a three-year-old girl in the Neve David cemetery last week. At the end of the week the Haifa Magistrate's Court issued a warrant for the man, because police said they were having difficulty finding him. But a police representative told Judge Micha Lindenstrauss yesterday that the man, who lives in the Neve David area, has been detained for investigation. The magistrate cancelled the warrant and ordered that the suspect be produced in court within 48 hours, if necessary.

Evron starts 1 1/2 year prison term

TEL AVIV (Iltim). — Businessman Efraim Evron yesterday began serving his one and a half year sentence for false bookkeeping and tax evasion. He has already paid I.L. 800,000 in fines levied on him and the Pan-Lon construction firm, which he formerly owned. Evron appeared energetic as he reported to the district court here, after first concluding some business matters in the courthouse cafeteria.

Haifa rates up by 72 per cent

Jerusalem Post Reporter HAIFA. — Local city taxes will go up by 55 to 130 per cent from April, the municipal executive decided last week. The council is due to approve the increases at a special meeting at the end of the month. The steepest rise is for banks and insurance companies, and the average rise is 72 per cent, still below the tax rates in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, city officials say. The general rate for an apartment up to 75 square metres in a top-quality building in an "A" zone will be I.L. 386 per room, and for a larger flat I.L. 568. The respective rates for B zones are I.L. 119 and I.L. 281, and for C zones I.L. 800 and I.L. 1,017. In standard houses (shikun type), the rates vary from I.L. 633 to I.L. 884 for 75 square metre rooms in "A" zones and in smaller apartments from I.L. 483 to I.L. 646.

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# China-Vietnam clashes not new

**BANGKOK (UPI).** — The first Chinese invasion of Vietnam was in 111 BCE, and took 1,000 years for the Vietnamese to defeat.

Despite their recent closeness during Vietnam's war with the U.S., fighting between China and Vietnam has during history come often and brutally. But Vietnamese history courses teach that not once have the Vietnamese been defeated by their far larger and more populous northern neighbor.

The latest outbreak therefore has its roots in history, and is not simply a war between Communist allies-turned-enemies.

But the current conflict goes back several years. By Vietnamese accounts, it began in the mid 1960s when the "Cultural Revolution" in China delayed the shipment of Soviet arms to Vietnam along Chinese railways.

Peking and Hanoi kept their relations smooth in public until after the Communists overran Saigon in April 1975, renaming the southern capital Ho Chi Minh City and taking control of the entire country.

From there, relations between Vietnam and China were all downhill, for a variety of reasons.

Not the least was that the China-

backed regime in Cambodia was under Vietnamese military attack from the day after Saigon fell.

By the end of 1976, when the Vietnam Communist party held a congress to meet changing conditions, senior party members including Hoang Van Hoan — a politburo member — were purged because of their Chinese ties.

From early in 1977, the war with Cambodia grew, with border fighting increasing in intensity to the point that the Cambodians broke diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

At the same time, unnoticed and unpublicized, Vietnamese and Chinese officials at the border began to quarrel, then to argue, and then to shoot at each other.

When Vietnam decided to communize Ho Chi Minh City last March, the Chinese protested vociferously.

In a mysterious move, more than 170,000 ethnic Chinese living in Vietnam made their way to the China border and crossed over to become refugees. Each nation blamed the other for the exodus.

With the strongest possible Soviet backing, the Vietnamese made their decision to invade Cambodia. Hanoi established and trained the pro-Vietnam puppet administration and

army and finally invaded Cambodia on Christmas day.

Meanwhile, almost daily, skirmishes were reported along the China-Vietnam border. While the military activity was small-scale, the potential for war grew as China increased its combat strength and statements from the two capitals grew more and more harsh.

Talks to solve the dispute broke off late last year, with China withdrawing its ambassador and negotiators from Hanoi indefinitely. Chinese statements have indicated that the invasion of Cambodia by Vietnam was the last straw.

Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping, during his tour last month of the U.S. and Japan, publicly warned that a Chinese invasion was almost "certain to be taught a lesson."

On Saturday, elements of a 170,000-man Chinese force struck across the border.

Vietnam, which previously had warned that an invasion would threaten world peace, appealed to the Soviet Union for "militant solidarity," and the Soviets warned the Chinese to pull out "before it is too late."

But what the next step will be, no one can say.



Saudi King Khalid welcomes Queen Elizabeth at Riyadh Airport on Saturday at the start of her three-day tour of Saudi Arabia.

## Saudis greet Queen in style

**RIYADH (Reuter).** — Incense filled the air in the Saudi Arabian royal palace when King Khalid gave a banquet for Queen Elizabeth on Saturday evening after her arrival.

A 21 gun salute greeted her at the airport earlier in the day, and she spent Sunday afternoon in the royal box at the races.

The visit is one of the most important in the Queen's three-week tour of Arab Gulf states, for Saudi Arabia is Britain's biggest trading partner in the Middle East and the world's biggest oil exporter.

The grandeur of Saturday night's occasion stunned the British, who are themselves well-versed in pomp and pageantry. A line of 150 guests, including princes, sheikhs and generals, filed past the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh shaking hands. Among them was the familiar face of oil minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

The newspaper noted that Foreign Secretary David Owen was travelling with the Queen and quoted him as saying that the royal tour of Saudi Arabia and five Arab Gulf states would "reaffirm British friendship and concern for their continued stability and prosperity."

Saudi Queen Sita was not present, as the Islamic faith does not allow women a part in public functions. And Queen Elizabeth stepped off the plane dressed from neck to toe in deference to the rule that women only show themselves to husbands, fathers or brothers. The Queen also wore a long dress in the royal box at the race meeting today, the first time a British monarch has worn an ankle-length dress to the races since the days of Queen Mary.

The Arabic daily "Al-Jasrah" devoted four pages to the royal visit yesterday, stressing its importance for relations between Britain and Saudi Arabia.

## NATO said too weak to repel Soviets

**WASHINGTON (UPI).** — A Soviet attack against Western Europe would almost certainly trigger a nuclear war because of the weakness of NATO's conventional forces, the House Armed Services Committee said Saturday.

"NATO's capability to fight a protracted war is almost nonexistent," a committee report said. The forces of the alliance are so weak that it would have to resort to nuclear weapons to counter an at-

tack by Warsaw Pact troops.

It quoted the late Gen. George Brown, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as "openly acknowledging the almost certain escalation at least to theatre nuclear war — in the event of a Warsaw Pact attack."

The report was prepared by a subcommittee, which held 26 hearings and visited five NATO countries last year. It found the alliance's capabili-

ty to stop a Communist attack "extremely doubtful," saying that Western European forces would begin to run out of equipment and ammunition "in a matter of days rather than weeks or months."

The report said NATO's goal of 3 per cent growth in defence spending — a compromise between military needs and "political practicality" — would not be enough to offset the growing power of the Eastern European Warsaw Pact.

## Nkomo says Rhodesians missed camp

**LUSAKA, Zambia.** — Black guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo yesterday denied that any of his organization's camps were hit by Rhodesian air strikes on guerrilla bases in southern Zambia early Saturday.

"There was no camp that they hit," Nkomo said in a telephone interview. "It was really just throwing something in the dark."

Nkomo, head of the Zimbabwe African People's Union and co-leader of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance, said the Rhodesians "damaged a few Zambian trees and killed a couple of animals."

But a hospital spokesman in Livingstone said that two men were seriously injured and admitted to hospital following the most recent Rhodesian incursion into Zambia.

The U.S. on Saturday expressed its "deep concern" over the Rhodesian raid. State Department spokesman Anita Stockman warned that "such cross-border attacks only further inflame the situation."

In a new incident, one white man was dead and eight others missing yesterday following an attack on a private car in a farming area near Lusaka. The bullet-ridden body of Karl Bothma was found beside his

abandoned car. Eight other people, including his wife and daughter, were reported missing, according to local reports.

The attack occurred in the same area where several months ago guerrillas from nearby ZAPU camps harassed and in some cases brutally beat white farmers in their search for alleged Rhodesian spies.

The Zambian police could not be reached for comment on the incident, but informed sources said Bothma had been shot seven times. Nkomo said he knew nothing about the incident. (AP, UPI)

## British government to see offer to end strike

**LONDON (UPI).** — Union and local government officers hope to soon settle the strike by 1.5 million public service workers that has closed schools and left the country buried in garbage if the government approves a productivity deal they have reached.

The deal would give the workers employed by local governments, such as trash collectors, school caretakers and street cleaners "a 9 per cent increase on their basic pay. It would take it from £42 to £45 for a 35-hour work week.

The employers and union officials also agreed on a study of comparable wages in private industry so that public service workers' wages could keep pace with them.

If the government approves a productivity deal the men could be back at work early this week.

Until it is settled however, schools in the Northeast and in the Greater London area will continue to be closed despite an appeal by union officials that children preparing for examinations should be able to use classrooms.

The casualty department of St. Bartholomew's hospital, one of London's best known teaching hospitals, was closed on Saturday because of a shortage of sterile medical equipment.

A union official said "we are maintaining a skeleton service and believe this closure was un-

necessary. We are anxious to do nothing which will put patients' lives at risk."

Prime Minister James Callaghan's wife, Audrey, crossed strikers' picket lines outside a London children's hospital to offer her services to the hard-pressed medical staff, the "Sunday Express" reported.

"Snow Minister" Denis Howell became the first minister to use the concordat between the government and the trades union council, announced last week, when he appealed to striking road plowing crews to obey the spirit of the concordat and go back to work to save lives and people injured on the icy roads.

## Shah's South African palace closed

**JOHANNESBURG (AP).** — The violent revolution that overthrew the shah and continues to create chaos in Iran under a new regime had, until recently, left a tiny part of the Iranian Empire untouched in South Africa.

On a ridge overlooking Johannesburg's northern suburbs stands a magnificent two-story white mansion — home for Shah Reza Pahlavi and his family while in exile during World War II.

The mansion, now a museum called the "Johannesburg Museum of Reza Shah the Great," honours the present shah's father, who died in South Africa in 1945. The shah converted the dwelling in 1972 into a

monument to his father's memory, whose body was set sent back to Iran in 1950.

It is administered by the Iranian consulate in Johannesburg and is full of paintings, photographs and statues of the family.

But now consulate officials have become embarrassed by the presence of the shah, and this historical part of Iran risks the desecration that has gone hand-in-hand with the toppling of the shah's empire.

According to the Johannesburg "Sunday Times," consulate officials have decided to close the museum to the public.

This week, the museum curator

packed her bags and left, putting a large padlock on the front gate and locking all doors. Visitors no longer may see the Persian rugs, archaeological exhibits, audio-visual shows and photographs of the shah's father, as well as those of the present shah, his wife and son.

"It is only a temporary measure," said Iranian consul-general M. Rashti. "We have not decided to close the museum down permanently but have decided it would be wiser to keep the public out for a while..."

"One thing is probable, though. If we have to take down the pictures we will have to close the museum permanently," Rashti said.

## Pakistan ruler says he won't decide Bhutto appeal

**ISLAMABAD (Reuter).** — Pakistan's military ruler Mohammad Zia ul-Haq said in an interview released here yesterday that he would not decide for himself on the fate of condemned ex-premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, but would let the country's military and civilian leadership rule collectively on any appeal.

President Zia told the American CBS television network that technically he would have the final decision, if the Supreme Court rejects a petition against the death penalty imposed on Bhutto for organizing a political assassination four years ago.

But Zia said he would not keep the prerogative to himself. He would instead place it before a panel of the entire military hierarchy and the

military-led cabinet.

"Let this be not a mission for me because I am not a politician," he said in the interview. Zia said Bhutto in a coup in mid-1973 overthrew the government and was later executed. Bhutto's appeal was filed in the Supreme Court in January 1978.

The Supreme Court is scheduled Saturday to discuss a petition against its 4-3 decision holding the death sentence on Bhutto for an ambush on politician Ahmed Raza Khan. Khan's father, Nawab Mohammad Khan, was fatally wounded.

## Apathetic Bangladesh voters seen confirming military rule

**DACCA.** — Voting was light in Dacca yesterday as Bangladesh, one of the world's poorest countries, went to the polls to elect its second parliament since independence in 1971.

There appeared to be a marked public apathy in the election for a 300-member parliament — the first under the three-and-a-half year military rule of President Ziaur Rahman. His Bangladesh National Party was expected to win a clear majority in the election, full results of which are expected today.

At one Dacca polling station, less than half the 2,200 registered electors had cast their votes about an hour before the booths closed. One of the reasons for the apparent lack of enthusiasm seemed to be that

whoever wins, Ziaur will remain ruler of the country, an incumbent in presidential elections last year. Ziaur, however, says he will be democratically elected with a prime minister, and will retain executive powers until the law after the parliament is convened.

Two incidents of violence were reported near Dacca, some 16km. south of the national capital, one person was killed and several injured during a brawl between porters of two rival political parties in another town 13 km. from Dacca, police fired blanks to disperse brawling participants posing groups. No injuries were reported. (Reuter, UPI)

## U.S. stands by account of Soviet role in slaying of envoy to Afghanistan

**WASHINGTON.** — The U.S., brushing aside Soviet denials, said on Saturday that it has "eyewitness accounts" of the Kremlin playing a questionable role in the slaying of kidnapped U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Adolph Dubois.

The State Department stuck to an official American protest that strongly criticized the actions of Soviet advisers at the scene. A spokesman said that eyewitness accounts "led us to question the role of Soviet personnel on the scene."

U.S. officials say Afghan police supervised by at least four Soviet advisers had stormed the hotel in spite of a personal plea for caution from Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

The Soviet Union denied that Russian advisers had helped to direct the events leading to Dubois' death.

The State Department sent a "formal note" to Kabul on Saturday "formally requesting a report from the Afghanistan government on their

investigation of Ambassador Dubois' death."

The body of the slain diplomat was scheduled to arrive yesterday in Washington and will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery tomorrow.

A White House spokesman said President Jimmy Carter would break off a weekend at Camp David retreat to attend ceremonial return of the Full military honours and salute were scheduled to be returned from Kabul by U.S. Force jet.

Vance will head a party of State Department officials to the plane.

Carter was also to present State Department's highest posthumously to Dubois, it was accepted by Mary Ann Dubois, Powell said. (UPI, AP)

## Soldiers disinfect Naples streets

**NAPLES (AP).** — Italian soldiers with military equipment and vehicles started disinfection of local streets on Saturday in the wake of the so-called "mystery disease" that has killed at least 64 babies.

Doctors reported three more babies, aged six and seven months, were hospitalized in near-coma with the symptoms of the respiratory disease that has struck tens of thousands of children, mostly below the age of three, in Naples and the surrounding area over the past year. Although these were the first such cases taken to hospital in the past five days, doctors say that, despite lulls, the influenza-type viral disease is still raging.

## Argentines deluged for talking politics

**BUENOS AIRES (AP).** — Argentine political activists, including former president Leizaola and party chief Riquelme, were arrested and held on Saturday, reportedly because they had been discussing among themselves the independence of the island of Malvinas.

The independent news outlet, Noticias Argentinas said the members of the Civic Radical Party, Argentina's second largest party, were taken to a police station for questioning and arrested. They were arrested at a "meeting of friends" where themes were reportedly raised.

All political activity has been banned in Argentina since a 24, 1976 coup which ousted Isabel Peron and installed a military regime headed by President Videla, an army general.

## French fly foreigners out of Chad capital

**WASHINGTON (UPI).** — The State Department said yesterday that an unspecified number of Americans were airlifted out of Chad on Saturday.

Spokesman Anita Stockman said the Americans were taken by two French military aircraft to Yaounde, capital of Cameroon, Chad's southwestern neighbor.

French citizens are also being flown out on a French air shuttle between Chad's capital, N'Djamena, and Libreville in Gabon.

About 80 Americans are in N'Djamena, where fighting between rival factions took place last week.

"The situation in the capital remains stable, although sporadic firing continues," the State Department official said yesterday.

## 309 meteorites found in ice of Antarctica

**WASHINGTON (AP).** — Scientists have discovered 309 meteorites in the ice of Antarctica, including a kilogram fragment that is the largest yet found on the continent.

The National Science Foundation, which manages U.S. scientific research in Antarctica, announced the find, made by American and Japanese scientists. Dr. W. Cassidy, head of the U.S. team, said on Saturday that the meteorites are particularly valuable because they appear to have undergone little change since they were formed, at the birth of the system 4.5 billion years ago.

### The Truth about the National Health Insurance Law

1. The Law will ensure medical service of an equal level for every citizen in his home district. The service will be provided throughout the country and there will be no requirement for membership of or affiliation to any medical organization.
2. The responsibility for health services in all districts will be placed upon a public authority, not a government authority, which will be composed of public representatives and representatives of area medical bodies.
3. The financing of these health services will be provided by the National Insurance Institute from National Insurance dues, which, in accordance with the Law, will be levied on all citizens, in proportion to their income.
4. A citizen will be free to choose the framework within which he receives medical services.
5. A citizen will not make a payment for medical service received.
6. The application of the Law will reduce the cost of health services for the community and the individual, will increase efficiency and economy, avoid duplication and ensure a medical service for citizens.
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### Talks next month on natural gas from Mexico for U.S.

**WASHINGTON (UPI).** — The U.S. and Mexico are expected to begin talks within a month on laying the groundwork for future American purchases of Mexican natural gas, U.S. government officials said on Saturday.

The officials said President Carter arranged for the new round of gas discussions during his just-completed three-day visit to Mexico.

They said Carter and Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo agreed on the need to get the talks started promptly, but the two men did not discuss the terms of U.S. purchases of Mexican natural gas.

The officials opened the subject by expressing America's understand-

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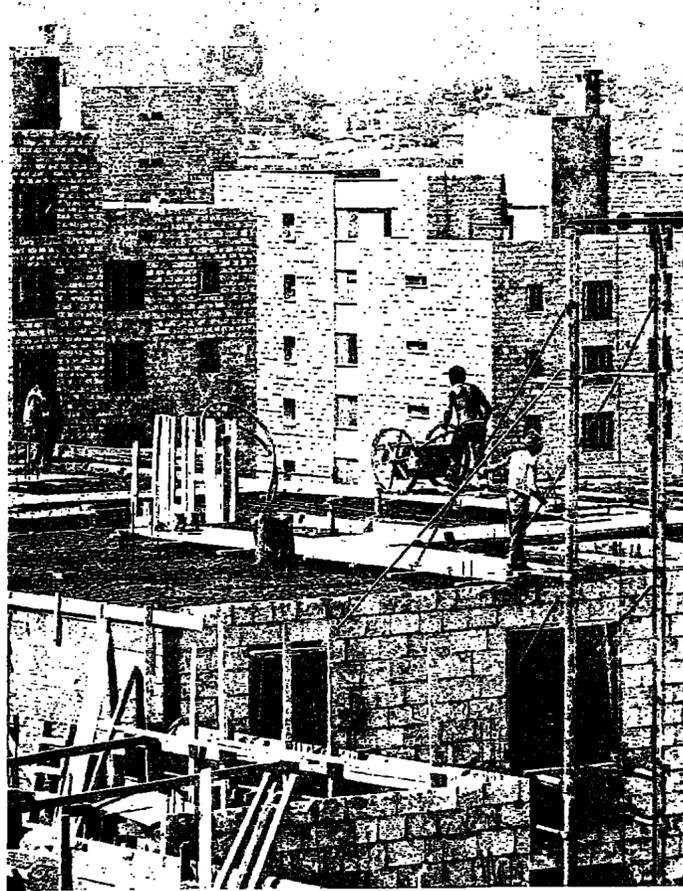








One of the troubles of the building industry is attracting skilled labour.



(Rubinger and Nevo)

## Bearing up against booming inflation

TEL AVIV. — Over 250 builders, contractors, engineers and representatives of banks and promoting companies from Israel and abroad are participating this week in an international convention on building.

The convention, located at the Tel Aviv Hilton hotel, is held under the auspices of the Construction and Housing Ministry, co-sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders of the U.S., and organized by the Israel Federation of Contractors and Builders.

Federation General-Manager Mordechai Paldi told *The Jerusalem Post* that two-thirds of the convention participants are from Israel. Representatives of the Finance, Housing, Defence and Interior Ministries, bankers, and lecturers from local universities will be among the panel members and the audience.

The convention offers lectures and panel discussions on financing construction and housing; allocating land for future building needs; the contracting methods under inflationary conditions; the effect of inflationary pressures on construction; rental housing; quality assurance in big building; building low cost housing and construction problems in poverty areas.

Discussions of these problems and others by experts from Israel and abroad will contribute much to possible solutions, Paldi said.

Though many building problems are common to contractors all over

the world, Israel has some unique, or at least particularly acute problems of its own, according to Paldi.

"Various methods will be discussed, according to different economic systems and we can learn from experts abroad and how to adapt their principles to our reality," Paldi said.

ONE OF THE main problems in Israel, Paldi said, is the government's control over most of the land. This sends the price of private lands sky high, which of course influences housing and rent rates.

"The contractors in Israel are demanding that the government let go of some of this land and enable us to build on it," Paldi said. "But this clashes with other policies of the government."

Paldi said the government should not speculate with lands at the expense of the public when there is such a shortage of housing.

In the past, Paldi continued, the government subsidized mortgages, and thus limited them. Now there is a plan to cancel the subsidy and link the mortgage to the index. This will enable greater loans.

Already the banks are planning new savings programmes to mobilize funds for mortgages. The convention will teach us what is being done about all this abroad, Paldi explained.

Building for rental apartments is another Israeli problem. If there were enough flats for rent, people

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

would not get into such debts when buying a flat, a purchase which also limits their mobility. But there are not enough rental buildings, and accordingly their prices are high. Again, if the government would give lands for rental buildings, the rents would go down, Paldi noted.

THE CONVENTION will explore methods of expanding building for rental apartments, Paldi remarked that in some countries the rent is fixed at 25 to 30 per cent of the tenant's salary. But this necessitates a certain government subsidy to the investor. Maybe this method is applicable in Israel, Paldi said.

Another problem for the convention is building in a period of galloping inflation. Issues such as budget coordination and ensuring the contractor's gain in spite of continuous price rises, will be dealt with.

Israel has very high standards of building quality, but the actual building often falls short of these standards, Paldi said. This is partly caused by unskilled labour, partly by an attempt to save money. However, past experience has proved that lowering building standards does not save problems.

Nobody wants to live in low quality, crumbling buildings, such as some of those built in the 1950s, and

they are left empty, Paldi said.

Some of the participants in the convention are interested in construction projects springing from the future implementation of a peace settlement with Egypt, Paldi said. Various economic attaches from the U.S. and South Africa and representatives of European contracting companies have come to explore this prospect. They will assess what equipment and manpower from abroad these projects will require. Paldi noted that foreign contractors will need to examine their future gains in Israel, in the light of the tough competition here.

Builders and contractors in Israel suffer, apart from the incomparable inflation rate, from a shortage of skilled builders. Paldi rued the image of workers in the building trade here in recent years.

"People consider building as 'black labour' and think builders are 'Arabs.' This creates a shortage of people for the highly skilled building jobs. Mainly to solve the manpower shortage, contractors have embarked on prefabricated buildings. But people dropping out of the trade and insufficient regular orders made for great losses in prefab building."

However, Paldi said, prefabricated parts, such as windows and doors, could keep the business going, if these were standardized in Israel. Standardized windows and doors could save the building industry a lot of money and enable the producers to maintain a stock.

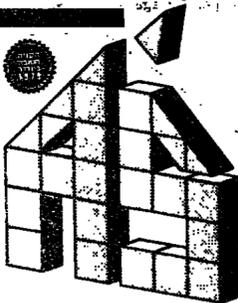
THE INTERNATIONAL convention may provide Israeli builders and contractors with better methods to achieve their goals, Paldi said. The building industry must attract and train skilled builders, work to improve the image of the builders and ensure steady work for those who engage in it.

This convention is the first of its kind in Israel and Paldi hopes it will lead to many others. He also hopes the large participation will engender offers and suggestions of foreign investors and promoters.

The foreign guests at the convention — coming from the U.S., Belgium, Germany, England, France, Australia, South Africa — will conclude the convention by touring southern population centres, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and spend a day in Jerusalem.

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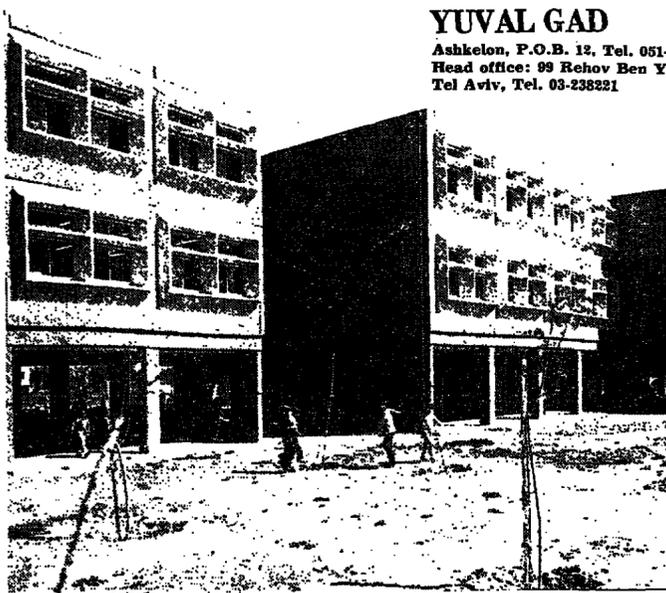
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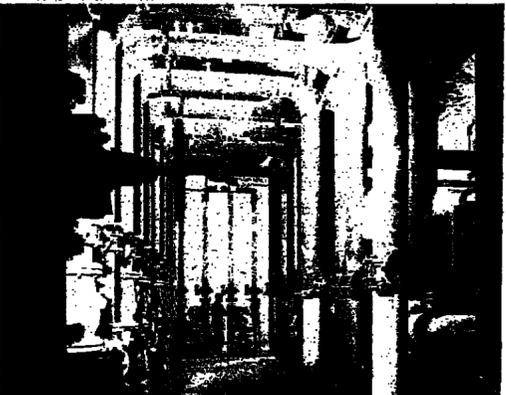
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## Central Heating Department

HEROUTH's activity in this field also dates back almost to its inception — 58 years ago. The experience gathered is most substantial and covers the widest range of all heating installations. Various forms of installations are executed, and many methods have already been introduced by HEROUTH in Israel. To quote only two methods — small bore piping distribution, and central electric night storage heaters. Additional heating installations include radiators, convectors, and radiant heating by means of hot water or electrical wiring. Recently, solar utilization systems have been added to these activities.



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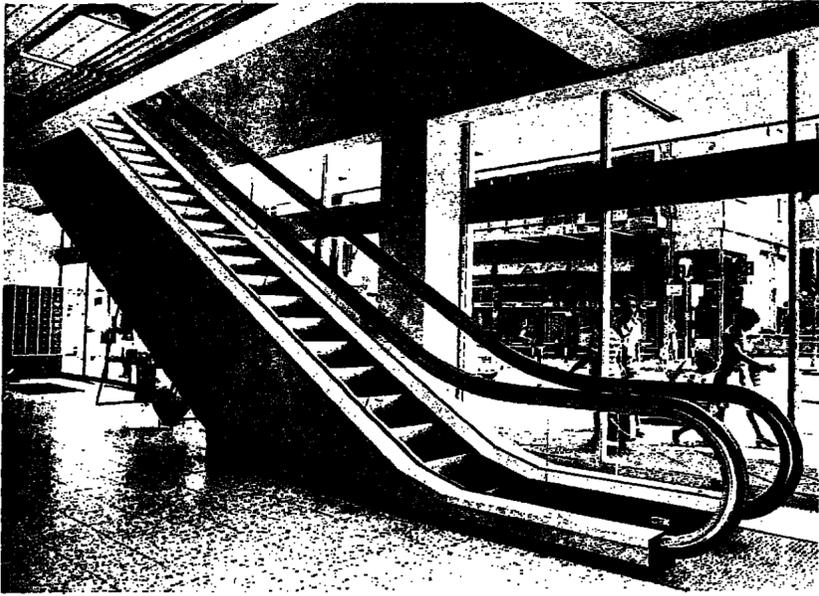
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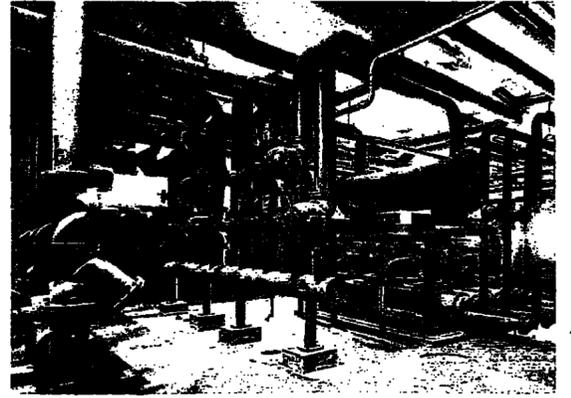
HEROUTH METAL WORKS started its operations in the nineteen forties. The first step forward was ten years later, when the manufacture of heat exchangers and hot water boilers up to a 200,000 Kcal/h capacity was begun. Today the manufacturing line includes steam boilers with a capacity of 300 kg. to 5 tons steam/h at working pressures of up to 15 atm; hot water boilers from 60,000 to 5 million Kcal/hr. various vessels incorporated in water treatment plants such as filters, ion exchangers, mixed beds, oil storage tanks from 2m<sup>3</sup> to 150m<sup>3</sup> capacity, heat exchangers, hot water storage cylinders, water pressurizing vessels, compressed air and steam vessels, lead fittings, hangers and pipe nipples. Manufacture of air handling units and other air conditioning assemblies is envisaged.

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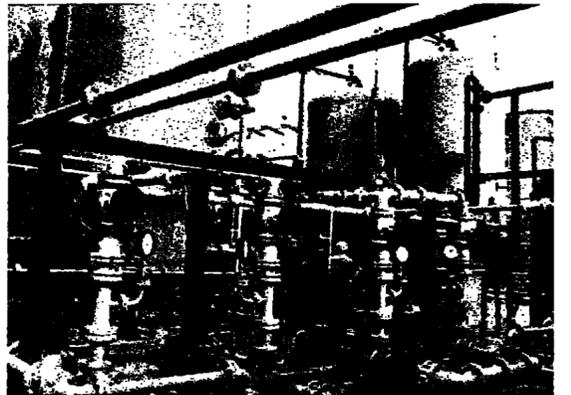


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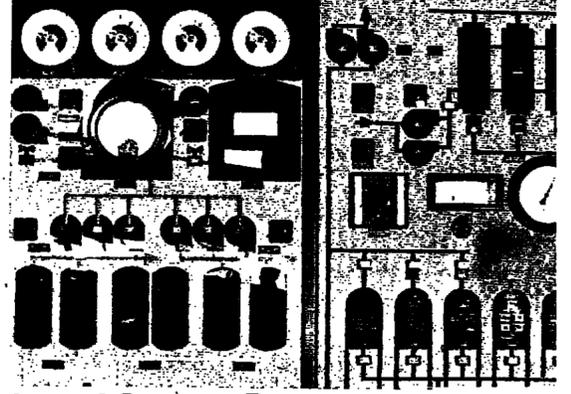
## Specialized Instal. & Process Piping Dept.

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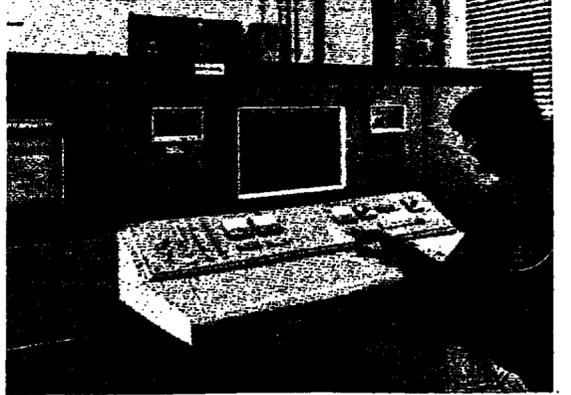
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## Control Systems Department

Air Conditioning Systems have always had some sort of automatic controls, and HEROUTH dealt with them. The simple systems of temperature, humidity and air volume controls developed into totally controlled environmental systems for building complexes and campuses and now include automatic start/stop operation control and changing set points of temperature, humidity and addition of programmable computers so as not to exceed maximum demand and thus save expenses. The Control System Department has installed the first Honeywell data centre in this country, which included an auto start/stop arrangement according to a pre-set programme, actuating automatically the whole system in accordance with control requirements. The system includes an alarm annunciator system for various fault situations in the electromechanical set up.



## General and Specialized Maintenance and Service Department

This department, recently reformed, covers an additional function of our Mechanical Engineering activity within the building industry. The HEROUTH service department does work within the guarantee period of work executed by its various branches as well as on the basis of yearly maintenance contracts. An overhaul service in the electro-mechanical field is offered, ranging through sanitary installations, heating systems, air conditioning plants, electrical equipment including domestic hot water heaters, storage heaters, refrigerators, central heating systems, water treatment, medical instrumentation and elevators. Service is offered on the basis of individual calls or an annual contract. Planned maintenance schedules are adhered to and instructions offered to owner's crews.

Industry gets such easy gov't loans that it doesn't need stock exchange

## Gov't loans v. share issues

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange can begin to play a serious role in raising money for the expansion of industry if the government "links" every loan it makes to industry with the stipulation that industry also raise a certain percentage of the required funds by floating issues, Dr. Meir Heth, board chairman of the exchange, told *The Post* yesterday.

The situation today is that the government is willing to grant industry loans at favorable interest rates. Few industrialists will seriously consider "going to the public" to raise money as long as this state of affairs exists, he said.

Heth proposed that for every 50 per cent of total expansion funds which the government grants industry, another 30 per cent should be raised on the stock exchange, with the remaining 20 per cent coming from the profits of the expanding firm.

At present, Heth thought, it would be very difficult for new companies, which had not yet established a reputation, or had not used the exchange before, to sell shares. "However, well established industrial companies should have no problem, especially on a rising market. It should not take more than two months for such companies to draw up a prospectus and float an issue under normal conditions."

Today the bourse was not being ex-

tensively used by industry, and when it was, it was often used as a means of transferring ownership from the founders to newcomers who were taking over the helm of the company, Heth explained.

"Of the 105 firms listed on the bourse only 30 are industrial companies. Moreover, they have a much smaller share of the capitalization on the market than their number would indicate," Heth thinks that they hold only about 15 per cent of the market.

Of the 30 companies, the seven big ones were Elbit, Teva, Poigat, Frutarom, Dead Sea Works, Hadera Paper and Elite. "As a rule, their share issues range in the IL200m. to IL400m. bracket," he said.

All seven of these companies together had fewer shares on the market than one large bank. For example, Bank Leumi had some IL8,000m., followed closely by Bank Hapoalim, with IL7,800m. In all, the total value of shares on the exchange was IL40,000m.

Dr. Heth said there were several other reasons why industry found it difficult to go to the stock exchange. One was that many firms greatly exaggerated the value of their undertakings and wanted to float issues based "on what they thought their firm was worth, rather than what the public was willing to pay." Another reason was that under the present tax situation, some firms (like insurance companies) would have to pay heavy taxes to "go public."

And finally, the general public preferred to buy "safe" stocks, and industry was considered risky.

"Investors looking for a safe place for their money, buy government-linked bonds. They are believed to be as safe as the government itself. Moreover, whenever there is a panic and persons begin dumping their bonds, the Bank of Israel moves in to support the market," he said. The Bank of Israel does this only to "smooth" out the rough "bumps" in trading, thus facilitating a gradual rise or fall, it is believed.

Considered second in regard to safety were bank stocks, especially those of the large banks, where turnovers were "huge" — thus always assuring a "market place."

"It is believed that the commercial banks also support the price of their own stocks by placing orders through others." (Under the law the commercial banks cannot directly buy and sell their own stocks as a means of controlling or manipulating prices.)

Asked what percentage of the buying and selling on the market was done by "medium and long-range investors" and what percentage was done by speculators, Dr. Heth said this was impossible to determine.

"But one rule of thumb should guide your thinking. When there is a sudden boom or a sudden bust, you can say that the speculators are particularly active. Cautious investors move much slower in both buying and selling."

Despite months of turmoil Iran has kept up its payments

## Few expect Iranian loan defaults

NEW YORK. — Major banking industry officials believe there is little possibility the new Khomeini government in Iran will refuse to repay its foreign loans.

Bankers are concerned the change in regimes may force delays in repayment of the \$2.5b. Iran has borrowed from U.S. banks and the \$5b. to \$6b. more it has been loaned by other foreign banks. But so far, despite months of political turmoil, Iran has remained up-to-date on its repayments, according to Citibank executive vice president Thomas Theobald.

Analysts say Citibank and Chase Manhattan, the nation's second and third largest banks respectively, each have loaned Iran more than \$200m., most of it since 1976, when the country began borrowing from international credit markets.

Some important aides to Ayatollah Khomeini, whose forces overthrew the Bakhtiar government, have said a new government might refuse to repay some Western loans.

Bankers say they think most of the debt-reputation talk has been rhetoric and note that many advisers to Khomeini have said publicly such talk is nonsense.

While Islamic law prohibits payment of interest, and Khomeini says he wants to install an Islamic republic, analysts note that other Islamic countries, such as Saudi Arabia, have been able to reconcile

the payment of interest and the law. "Let's face it," one major banker said, "Iran is part of the global system. If it repudiated its debts, it would lose its access to the world banking system and starve its economy of needed development funds."

It was that sort of realization that forced Zaire several years ago "to change its tune" about refusing to pay Western debts. Zaire, however, like several others since, has had to "reachedule" its debt with big banks.

Delays in repayments or rescheduling of debts, however, do cost banks money and hurt their earnings. But even a total repudiation of the \$200m. or so that Iran owes Citibank, for example, would be less than that institution's \$481.6m. in earnings last year.

Chase, whose earnings were \$197m., would be harder hit by a total repudiation. But all banks carry reserves.

So far there has been no panic among bankers. Chase, agents for three large, multi-bank loans to Iran, has polled the lenders to see if they want to call in the loans. In all three cases, the participating banks have said no.

According to a rough estimate by a New York firm that specializes in bank stocks, another five U.S. banks have loaned Iran between \$100m. and \$200m. Keefe, Bruyette & Woods

said those banks are Chemical Bank, Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co., and Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, First National of Chicago and Bank of America in San Francisco.

Most loans to Iran are for development and have been made to government or quasi-government bodies for development purposes, bankers say.

New York bankers say Iranian deposits in foreign banks, here and abroad, have been shrinking in recent months, but there is no evidence Iran has been cleaning out its deposits to avoid having them seized for non-payment of loans.

"I'd guess they're shrinking because Iran is using the funds to service its debts," according to one banker.

Officials at several major banks say Iran has been more meticulous than usual in keeping its creditors informed of developments. The Iranian central bank, Bank Markazi, has faced strikes, like most other government institutions during the last several months.

"We're getting cables saying that payments will be two or three days late. We don't even get concerned if they're going to be a few days late," one official said. "Somebody over there is going out of his way to make sure Iran's credit rating isn't tarnished."

(The Washington Post)

## Computer whiz accused of planning \$50m. theft

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). — Computer consultant Stanley Rifkin, already charged with stealing \$10.2m. from a California bank, has been accused of conspiring to steal up to \$50m. from another bank.

Rifkin, 32, who appeared in court here late Tuesday with alleged accomplice Patricia Ferguson, was said to have sought to use the Bank

of Los Angeles computer system to obtain the money. Bail was set at \$1m. for the two.

Rifkin was accused last November of stealing \$10.2m. from the Security Pacific National Bank by using his knowledge of the bank's electronics communications system to have the money transferred to a New York account.

## Foundry fair to include art show

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About one hundred Israeli foundrymen are expected to attend the International Foundry Trade Fair in Düsseldorf in June. Dr. Gerhard Engels, chairman of the German Foundry Experts Association, said here last week.

The fair will feature an exhibition of industrial furnaces and thermic production processes, as well as an art exhibition of paintings which have metal processing for their main theme. Thirty-two countries are taking part in the fair, which is held once in five years. It is expected to attract 60,000 visitors this year.

Innovations likely to be shown at the fair include means to reduce noise levels in the foundry and enhance hygienic and safety conditions.

Israel, which has nearly a hundred metal-casting plants of various sizes, is to host the International Foundries Congress in Jerusalem in October 1980.

## Histadrut ready to help, Meshel tells Asians

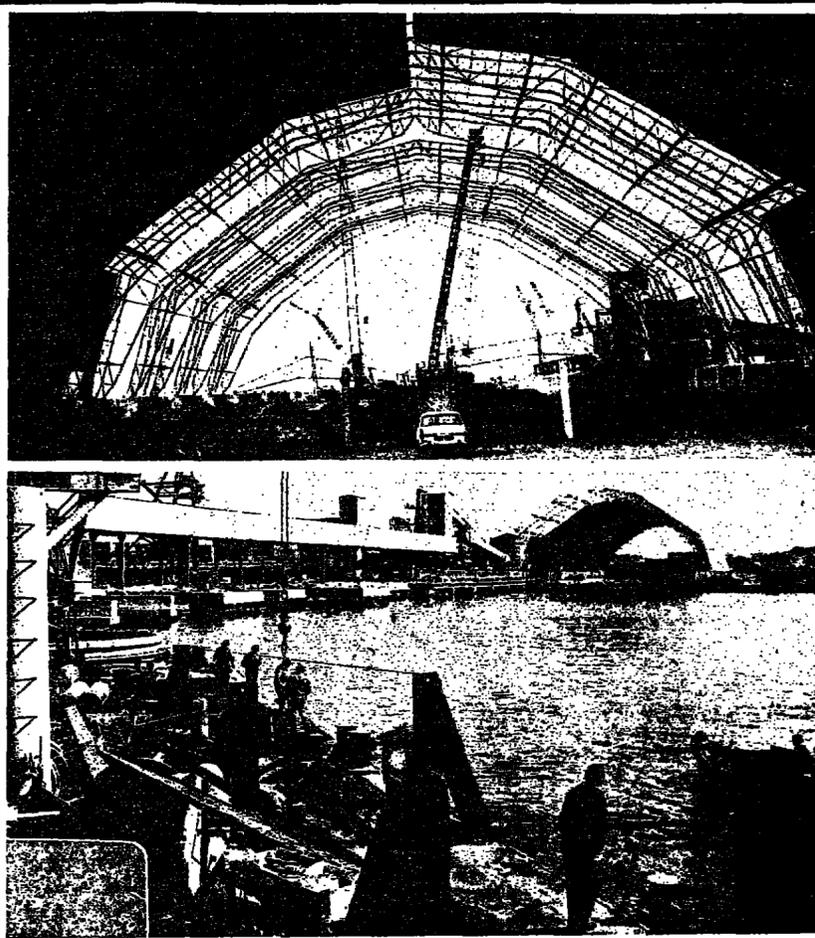
By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

European countries should give more consideration to the needs of developing nations in Asia and Africa, Histadrut secretary-general Yehoram Meshel told the Asian regional office of the International Confederation of Trade Unions Executive in Singapore on last week.

Meshel said that when 50 per cent of the world's population is 25 per cent of the wealth, the resulting social gap requires action. The Histadrut, he said, would be more than willing to participate in efforts towards greater cooperation between the haves and the have-nots.

In an earlier address at the same meeting, Meshel had called for equitable distribution of the world's oil and other natural resources to all countries according to their needs. He called for laws that would prevent multinational corporations from hurting workers' interests, or the economies of the countries in which they work, through their employment and marketing policies.

Meshel attended a reception given for him and the other members of the Histadrut delegation by the Japanese delegation. The Japanese accepted his invitation to visit Israel and are expected to come later this year.



The car in the top photo demonstrates the huge dimensions of the new phosphates storage shed, while the bottom photo places the unfinished structure in the context of Ashdod harbor installations.

## Phosphate exports to grow

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — The Negev Phosphates Company could have earned IL300m. more last year if the exchange rate of the dollar had increased in step with the rise of inflation here, Pinchas Carmi, the managing director of the firm, told the press here yesterday.

Carmi explained that because of the slow rise in the dollar, the company will merely break even, or end up with a very small profit. Asked why he doesn't sell phosphates in some other currency, he explained that, like oil, phosphates are traded on the world market only in dollars.

He also likened phosphates to oil in that the largest profits are made on the raw product, rather than on processed goods. Israel exports about 90 per cent of all the phosphates it produces. During the present fiscal year the company expects to export about two million tons. The increase in exports over previous years is due to more phosphate sources being exploited in the Negev and to an enlarged depot in Ashdod.

The newsmen were shown the huge new phosphate storage shed at the port here. According to Carmi, it will be the biggest such warehouse in the Middle East when completed. It will be able to store 210,000 tons of phosphates. It is 34 metres high, 330 metres long and 70 metres wide, covering an area of 23 dunams.

Carmi said that the company was investing a total of IL700m. in projects like the Ashdod depot, and in quarry sites. Due to inflation, however, the final costs would be at least another IL200m., he said. He emphasized that about IL30m. was being invested in special equipment to prevent phosphate clouds from polluting Ashdod.

In answer to a question Carmi emphasized that his firm had managed to bring under control most of the causes that brought about huge phosphate clouds over Ashdod.

## Classic cuisine wins out in Young Chefs competition

By HAIM SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A stuffed shoulder of lamb à la jacob, du chef, potatoes Anna, and steamed vegetables in a pastry basket were among the dishes prepared by the winner of the Young Chef's competition at the Tadmor Hotel in Herzliya yesterday.

Zeev Keren, a 25-year-old chef at Tel Aviv's Hilton Hotel, won the competition, for professionals 25 and under, on the basis of the taste and appearance of his dishes and the professionalism and organization in his preparation.

In contrast to other participants who let their imagination run freely, his cooking stood for "classic cuisine." He will represent Israel at an international competition for young chefs in Vienna on March 22.

The international contest is sponsored by the world Chaine des Rotisseurs, an organization devoted to the art of cuisine. The local branch of the organization, which conducted yesterday's contest together with the Tourism Ministry, will be sending the winner to Vienna.

In contrast to other competitions in which the participants are encouraged to create original dishes, the participants in yesterday's meet were presented with a restricted list of ingredients. They were expected to prepare a first course consisting of a sole dish, shoulder of lamb with vegetables, a strudel and a crepe

dish.

Victor Azulai, chef at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem and one of the judges, told *The Post* that it is particularly difficult for young chefs to perfect their work in Israel, owing to the fact that most take up their profession only after army service.

Azulai said that local chefs will give the winner special coaching in the weeks before the international meet. He pointed out that one particularly difficult task will be to make a strudel in Vienna, home of that pastry.

In awarding the prize, Yoram Blizovsky, head of the government Tourism Authority, said that if Israel does not change the image of work in tourism, there will soon be no more candidates for jobs in hotels. The results will be simple enough, he said, the service will deteriorate and tourists will stop coming to Israel.

He also pointed out that the ingredients in the contest meal were estimated to have cost about IL40. Hoteliers figure that the price of a meal should come to about three times the cost of the ingredients, he said, putting the price at about IL120.

In view of the fact that it is possible to prepare such an elegant, festive meal for such a price, he concluded, it is inexcusable that eating places regularly charge IL400 and IL500 per person.

## Some intern'l bodies can no longer afford their Geneva address

GENEVA. — The rising value of the Swiss franc against the dollar is beginning to cause panic among both international and private organizations with headquarters in Geneva.

What has been described as "the good life" on the shores of Lake Geneva for international organizations is seriously endangered by the continuous decline in the value of the dollar against the world's hardest currency, the Swiss franc. This has for the past year caused serious budget problems for the financial experts of the international organizations.

The possible transfer of various organizations has been discussed. The World Council of Churches, which is financed by its 293 member churches, is limiting its conferences, freezing its payroll and asking the Swiss authorities for some measure of relief.

The World Council has also started looking into the possibility of

transferring its headquarters away from Switzerland.

The World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization have cut down on salaries, reduced projects and closed down several departments.

Even the overstuffed Palais des Nations, UN European headquarters, is having serious financial budget problems and has reduced its secretarial staff.

All this worries the Geneva city fathers, who are justly proud of the lustre and luxury these organizations have bestowed on the city. The first international organization to leave Geneva is the "Ort." Following a decision taken here by the Ort directors, the personnel working for the organization will be transferred to London. Only the management will remain here.

It is believed here that following the departure of Ort from Geneva, other Jewish organizations such as the Joint and The World Jewish Congress may follow suit.

## Israel wasting manpower, Technion president says

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Technion President Amos Horev on Friday warned that Israel is wasting its manpower which is limited only in quantity.

"Our people are excellent and with a little effort would be able to raise our per capita income to equal that of the highly industrialized countries, at \$7,000 per annum, instead of remaining dependent on outside help with our present \$3,000 only," he told the Haifa Labour Council.

But, he said, no minister of industry, trade and tourism has consulted the Technion on how the national economic goals for the next decade, which the ministry prepared, are to be carried out without sufficient engineers being trained to make their execution possible.

"This is a grave situation which worries the Technion. We feel responsibility for Israel's technological future as we train 73 per cent of the country's engineers, at the expense of the taxpayers," he stated.

He was distressed that national planners are ignoring the engineering manpower side of the problem. He was upset that no one in authority

is asking why Technion engineering and technician students are forced to use outdated equipment, no longer relevant in modern industry, and its technical library could not afford to purchase the modern books needed.

He was concerned that the authorities are planning to invest billions in expanding the chemical industry and ignoring the millions needed to train the engineers who would make the work possible.

Nevertheless, Horev was optimistic "because we've had worse times in the past and because we're engaged in a good fight." This is reflected by the Technion's record of 87 per cent of its students graduating within the four-year course of study, which he called "the finest higher education record in the country."

But Horev was concerned at the decline in the number of high school graduates applying for engineering educations, from nearly 17 per cent in 1971 to 11 per cent this year, while the number of high school graduates is not growing substantially.

Regarding Technion graduates who emigrate, he said that they are not doing so because there are no jobs, but because housing is a critical factor.

## Swiss vitamin firm breaks EEC rules

LUXEMBOURG (AP). — The Swiss company of Hoffmann-La Roche, the world's leading vitamin manufacturer, was found guilty by the European Court of Justice last week of violating European Common Market competition rules.

The court fined the company 200,000 European Units of Account — \$260,000 — upholding the 1976 decision by the European court of justice that claimed Hoffmann-La Roche had abused a dominant position in the vitamins market.

The commission had fined the company 300,000 UA — \$380,000 — for

entering into exclusive or preferential supply contracts with a number of major bulk vitamin users in Europe.

The company appealed the commission decision, claiming that the commission had made a new law to make clear so-called loyalty rebates were illegal under Common Market rules.

The court rejected the appeal but said the commission had not proved the company's dominant position for vitamin B3, one of seven under consideration, and thus reduced the initial fine.

## Billions to clean country's sewage

By LYNDIA GOLDMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Over the next decade government and industry in Israel will spend IL20b. to clean and treat the country's sewage water, an environmental engineer from the Technion announced yesterday.

Addressing an annual symposium on the treatment of industrial and municipal sewage water, Prof. Gedalia Shefiel said that once sewage water is treated, it can be made drinkable again.

Due to Israel's concern in the past with rapid industrialization, streams like the Hadera and the Kishon can no longer dilute the waste poured

into them.

"The only water left in both streams is sewage," Shefiel told the symposium, which was sponsored by the Association of Environmental Engineers and the Association of Chemical Engineers.

"The biggest industrial polluters in the country," he said, "are the Haifa refinery, Fertilizers and Chemicals, the Hadera paper mill, the Ata's dyeing and finishing plant at Kfar Saba, the petro-chemical industry, and Haifa Chemicals."

Shefiel declared that the industrial polluters will have to invest enormous sums of money in the new sewage-treatment project.

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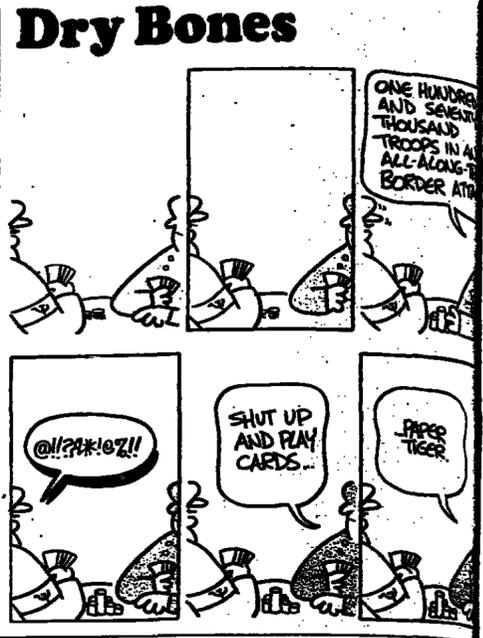
Born-again Zionism

Begin has done nothing to revive Ben-Gurion's vision of a "pioneering front" of native Israeli youth, says ALLEN E. SHAPIRO, who sees the country moving in the direction of conservative reaction with a strong religious content.

THE SPRINGTIME of political movements, like April in T.S. Eliot's "The Wasteland," mixes memory and desire. The dynamics of politics involve an image, real or imaginary, of where we came from and where we are going.

already there. His prime-ministry has demonstrated the essential emptiness of Revisionist doctrine. BEYOND the state as end in itself and ultimate symbol of the national risorgimento, there is neither a golden age in the past to emulate nor a dream of redemption to which to aspire.

from time to time, as in Begin's position on the return of the Bir Am and Irit villagers. The Herut leader seems to regard it, however, as a commitment of a personal sort, peripheral to the important issues, not worth the cost of a fight that could damage his own political base.



Greater clerical involvement in politics can be safely predicted. Even earlier, as at the time of Ben-Gurion's accession to power, interventions brought on by the counter-reaction of any step...

Shabbat violence as habit

THE ESCALATING violence of the Sabbath demonstrations along the Ramot road in Jerusalem unfortunately corroborates the warning issued in an editorial in this column several weeks ago: if the police will not take effective steps to prevent religious zealots from endangering the lives of Ramot residents...

SIMHA EHRLICH's days may well be numbered, both as minister of finance and as top man in the Liberal Party. Ehrlich will probably stay on, admittedly, until the Liberal Party convention. That is due to take place at the end of this year or the beginning of 1980.

Is Ehrlich's end in sight? Post Knesset Reporter Asher Wallfish considers the Liberal Party's growing disaffection with its leader, Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich.

ready to go on record and say that Ehrlich is finished. But neither are they willing to go on record, week after week, in defence of Simha Ehrlich, under Moda'i's persistent sniping.

to oil, which had been taboo for decades. Then Moda'i went on to Ehrlich frequently and he answered back. Ehrlich answered back. Ehrlich answered back. Ehrlich answered back.

POSTSCRIPTS

A TWO-LETTER word recently cost Nuremberg marketwoman Gunda Herbst 2,500 marks (about \$1,250,000) for slander. All she did was address a policeman as "You." But in German, as in most languages other than English, there are two ways of saying "you" — one a formal method of address and the other the familiar form used by lovers, family members or employees to their superiors.

READERS' LETTERS

GERMAN REPARATIONS To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I read the recent article by your economic reporter, Shlomo Maos, on the so-called \$150,000,000 loan to the Treasury on reparations, and its contents surprised me greatly. As I happen to keep my German marks in Israel, I would not want the Bank of Israel or the Treasury to lose money on my deposits.

SETTLING IN SAFAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In a lengthy article on January 25, Sybil Marcus paints a harrowing picture of the plight of fairly new western immigrants in Jerusalem. They (and they are not alone) must bring extraordinary wealth, or accept living in squalid conditions, or leave Israel.

DAVID LEVY FOR PRIME MINISTER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I certainly hope some of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff was listening to Israel Radio's Second Programme at 4:30 p.m. on February 7. At that hour, a panel interview of Housing Minister David Levy was aired and the interviewees raised all of the objections which appeared in a recent Post editorial to Mr. Levy's new housing plan.

CONSERVING THE NATION'S ENERGY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — At last the patriotic folk that be at Television House found a solution to our problems. Popular programmes deteriorated, the once awaited Wednesday film special by an Academy Award winning (and one) old one had been taken by fifth-rate French films, which seem to have been taken dark bars with brief excursions to the rain or fog.

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